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With the intensifying legitimacy crisis sweeping over the Marcos regime in its "twilight" days, and as various factions in the elite jockey for position, the CIA and the U.S. State Department are busy trying to shape public opinion to justify more open intervention in Philippine politics.

The CIA's penetration of the academic circle of American Filipinists was revealed when Prof. Justin Green of Villanova University in Pennsylvania publicly announced that he accepted CIA funding to research the current political situation in the Philippines.

Asked if Green was funded by the U.S. intelligence agency, CIA spokeswoman Joanne Callahan told the Guardian, "We cannot comment on allegations of Agency affiliation."

Green's paper, entitled "A Disaggregated-Quantitative Model of Political Stability in the Philippines," was read Aug. 3 at the Philippine Studies Summer Conference at Ohio University in Athens, under the auspices of the Ohio University Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute.

Earlier, the Philippines Studies Group sponsored a luncheon talk on "Current Philippine-American Relations" by John Maisto, Philippine desk officer at the State Department and a former official of the U.S. embassy in Manila. Maisto candidly pointed out that the Philippines was important to the U.S. chiefly in connection with its global rivalry with the Soviet Union.

Other speakers at the conference with some government affiliation included William E. Berry, officer and faculty member at the U.S. Air Force Academy, who talked about the U.S. military bases in the Philippines; and Marjorie Niehaus, researcher at the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C. Niehaus defended Green, saying that "working with the CIA is no different from working for the post office." Also defending

Green's open complicity with the CIA was Prof. Chester Hunt, "the father of Philippine sociology."

A move by various participants in the conference to propose a resolution censuring Green's blatant justification of CIA employment was aborted due to lack of preparation. But there was a general agreement to elevate the issue to the main body of the Association of Asian Studies to which the Philippine group is affiliated.

One Filipino observer remarked that it is obvious that the struggle for ideological hegemony has been launched by the Reagan administration to counter mounting congressional opposition to the \$900-million rental for the bases negotiated last June. The appropriations bill is up for debate this fall and already various congressional committees are lining up academic experts and scholars to testify against military aid to Marcos.

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